

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1695
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2001
ENTRY OF FOREIGN LEGAL CONSULTANTS IN INDIA
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to amend the Advocates Act.,1961 to permit foreign law firms and legal consultants to practise in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof,
- (c) whether the Bar Council of India(BCI) has opposed to the said proposal;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & CO. AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

- (a),(b)&(e) Presently, there is no proposal to amend the Advocates Act, 1961 to permit foreign law firms and legal consultants to practise in India.
- (c) & (d) Bar Council of India is opposed to permitting foreign law firms and legal consultants to practise in India.